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## NEW USDA CLUB PRESIDENT, R. N. RICHARDSON, GIVES PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES FOR '54 CLUB ACTIVITIES

"The USDA Club has a definite purpose in the program of the Department of Agriculture, which is to provide those conditions that will aid employees of the Department to improve their services to the public," R. N. Richardson, Club President, said today.

There are 84 USDA Clubs in 40 states and Puerto Rico and all are contributing their efforts for the betterment of the Department.

The following broad objectives offer unlimited opportunities:

1. To stimulate and increase knowledge of the work of the Department among employees.
  2. To assist through personal contact in the interpretation to the public of the Department's services.
  3. To provide a channel permitting the Department's many activities correlated for the best possible service to the public
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## NINE MORE STATES ADDED TO DALLAS CSS CO ACTIVITY; NO PERSONNEL INCREASE PLANNED

Price support programs for Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and North and South Carolina are now added to the activities of the Dallas CSS commodity office, in addition to such programs heretofore handled for Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

C. H. Moseley, director, has announced that the Dallas office will handle all commodities for the 12 above states with the exception of cotton and cottonseed in New Orleans, wool handled by Boston, and processed commodities handled by Cincinnati. Rice, peanuts and castorbeans will be handled for the nation by the Dallas office.

"A large increase in personnel will not be needed at this time. Future needs as in the past, will be entirely dependent upon program volume," Moseley said.

All inventories of dairy products such as butter, cheese, and nonfat dry milk solids, also livestock products, and processed fruits and vegetables now held by the Dallas office will be transferred to the Cincinnati office.

## SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES WILL HOLD HEARINGS SOON ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY RAISE

By Rector B. Meyer

Chairmen Carlson and Rees of the Senate and House Civil Service Committees have informed the President that hearings will be held early this year on Federal pay raise legislation.

Senator Carlson already had promised Federal employee groups that hearings would be held. Representative Rees had not disclosed his plans until the legislative

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4. To stimulate training and education among employees.
5. To develop personal acquaintance among employees of the Department in club areas.
6. To promote employee welfare bringing to the individual facilities which contribute to your health and happiness on the job.

The first USDA Club was organized by Secretary of Agriculture, E.T. Meredith, in San Francisco, in the year 1920. These clubs must have proved beneficial otherwise they would not have lasted for 34 years.

Your cooperation in the past is greatly appreciated, but let's try to make the year of 1954 one of the best.

Let us continue to work together toward our goal of the most effective service to the Department for the benefit of this great country of ours.

--R.N. RICHARDSON,  
PRESIDENT

#### TEXAS RICE CROP SEEN AS LARGEST IN NATION

Again in 1953 Texas was the number one rice producing state--a title wrested from Louisiana in 1951 after she had boasted of the title 61 years

#### Pay Raise, etc., Cont'd.

conference at the White House was held. Mr. Rees, who on past occasions has not always been in favor of a Government pay raise is reported to have told the President that hearings would be held at an early date.

The Administration is expected to favor a pay increase for Government classified and postal workers, although the exact amount or formula has not been determined.

An omnibus pay bill is under study by the Administration and at the Capitol. It is predicted that this bill would provide a major reclassification of the Government white-collar workers' pay scales.

This would include higher pay rates, probably averaging around \$300. It also would include provisions for higher pay rates for the 500,000 postal workers.--(From: Federal Civil Service Biweekly Newsletter dated January 6, 1954).

#### PLENTIFUL FOODS ANNOUNCED FOR FEB.

The plentiful food list prepared by the Food Distribution Branch, S.W. area, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, gives us some hints on food items to observe for February.

Foods on this list are usually a little cheaper and you can save a mite many times on your grocery bill by selecting them.

#### Winter Pears

Winter pear supplies this season are about one-fifth larger than last year and are the largest they have been in many years.

#### Beef

Beef will continue abundant. The expect-

ed moderate prices for most grades and cuts will warrant attention.

Eggs, dairy products, onions, cabbage, lettuce, pinto beans, fresh and processed oranges, raisins, cranberry sauce, peanuts and peanut butter, food fats and oils, potatoes, broilers and fryers are other items listed as plentiful.

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\* -Yvonne S. Kile \*  
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USDA OFFERS PURCHASE  
OF BANNER CROP PEARS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will offer to purchase winter pears to assist in marketing the large supply of these pears available this year.

This program was developed under Section 32, Public Law 320, 74th Congress, as amended, which authorizes use of certain funds to increase the domestic consumption of surplus agricultural commodities.

Pears purchased by the Department will be donated to nonprofit school lunch programs and other eligible outlets.

VOLUME OF MARKETINGS  
HIGHER FOR YEAR '53

Farmers received about 28.1 billion dollars from marketings in the first 11 months of this year, 4% less than they received during the corresponding months of 1952.

Prices of farm products averaged about 10% lower than last year, but the total volume of marketings was about 5% larger.

COMMODITY SPECIALIST STAFF  
ANNOUNCED FOR DALLAS OFFICE

By Harland Wright

The USDA has announced reassignments of commodity functions that will be of interest to oilseed processors and others. Administration of price support on peanuts, tung oil, grain, rice, beans, seed, naval stores, honey and kenif has been transferred from New Orleans to the Dallas Commodity Stabilization Office.

H. G. Sundahl, Agricultural Marketing Specialist from the New Orleans Office, has joined the staff at Dallas and will be of great assistance in handling the commodities transferred to Dallas as well as the drought relief program in that area. The Dallas office at the present time has taken over this function and is ordering corn into the states of Tennessee, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas from the Kansas City office and wheat from the Dallas office. Wheat in the eastern states will be ordered from the nearest available supply in that area, when possible.

Eston Dennard, Agricultural Marketing Specialist in the Dallas office, will handle the program on peanuts, tung oil, naval stores, and other commodities as assigned from New Orleans.

T. H. Sherwood, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, will handle the grain, rice, beans and seed formerly handled by the New Orleans office.

The reassignment will also place the port of Panama City, Florida; Jacksonville, Florida; Savannah, Georgia; and Norfolk, Virginia in the Dallas office for the export of shelled peanuts and New Orleans and Mobile for shelled peanuts and grain.

At the present time the Dallas office handles the ports of Galveston, Houston, Port Arthur and Corpus Christi for grain exports and Orange for shelled peanuts. Dallas will possibly handle exports out of Lake Charles, Louisiana at a later date.

P. M. Miller, Administrative Officer, will have his hands full of ports and is well qualified to do a good job.

### TEXAS ALLOCATED MORE DROUGHT AID

The U. S. Government on January 7th granted \$400,000 more aid for drought stricken west Texas stockmen to help purchase transportation on hay needed by farmers.

However, Vernon McDaniel, Chief deputy agricultural commissioner, predicted the cash would be far too little for the winter needs.

"We're glad to get it," McDaniel said, "but the way applications for hay are pouring in, that extra money won't last a week."

McDaniel said that freight costs on the latest shipments are higher because close-to-home hay supplies are exhausted.

### BILL YEAGER QUITE FOXY

W. C. (Bill) Yeager of CSS Commodity office is really foxy as he was the lucky marksman for a beautiful silver fox located on the hills in Palo Pinto County, Texas, where this type fox is rarely seen.

Bill is having the fur tanned and will probably have a fur collar made for a coat for his wife. (The lucky woman).

### USDA CLUB ANNOUNCES 1954 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, ETC.

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# JAPANESE SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT FROM USDA SURPLUS MILK PROGRAM

A negotiated sale of 10,020,000 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids (acquired under the dairy price support program) to the Government of Japan for use in Japanese school lunch program, was announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on January 6th.

Similar sales since July (including the above) have amounted to more than 65,000,000 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has purchased 45,000,000 pounds of USDA owned nonfat dry milk solids, 10,000,000 pounds have been sold to the Government of Israel and 40,000,000 pounds to the Government of Columbia.

Total export sales of milk stocks acquired under the 1952-53 and 1953-54 dairy support programs amount to approximately 102,000,000 pounds, other disposals as school lunch, foreign relief, army and miscellaneous uses totaled approximately 207,000,000 pounds leaving an inventory of 432,000,000 pounds. 639,000,000 pounds of nonfat dry milk solids were acquired during the two program years.

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ALLIE BOONE WINS  
18-FOOT CRUISER

By Gladys Crabbe

We have all heard the old saying, "I'll do - this or that - when my ship comes in."

Well, Allie Boone, Stenographer in School Lunch Section, Food Distribution Division, has finally got her ship.

Prior to the official opening on December 23, 1953 of the Drumstick Restaurant on Davis Street, tickets were given on an 18-foot Criscraft Cabin Cruiser to patrons of the restaurant, who bought anything from a cup of coffee to a steak dinner.

Allie and her husband had dinner there one night and were given one ticket each. They were not frequent visitors of the Drumstick, so unlike many of the patrons who had numerous tickets, on opening night Allie still had only the one ticket. Of course it only takes one ticket to win and Allie was the lucky winner.

Allie says the boat is for sale to the highest bidder, as it is just a "pink elephant" to her, having no place to keep it except in her backyard. Anyone interested may call her after 5:00 P.M., telephone WE-9272.

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DAVE TERMIN RESIGNS  
FROM CSS OFFICE

Dave Termin, who has been with CSS commodity office for about 2 years, resigned on January 8th to be associated with Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Dallas.

Termin was presented a nice brief case as a going away gift. He had worked in program operations and Fiscal offices.

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\* THANK YOU, REPORTERS! \*

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\* Although this is the first issue of The USDA Club News\*  
\* under the new management exactly ten of our reporters \*  
\* were on the job already and contributed to this issue. \*

\* We hope to hear from all our reporters in the February\*  
\* issue. \*

-THE MANAGEMENT

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JOHN BOLISH PRESIDENT  
OF DENVER USDA CLUB

John Bolish, former president of the Dallas USDA Club, is now president of the Denver USDA Club.

Bolish was transferred to Denver in September 1953 as Chief, Western Area Personnel Management Division, CSS, the same position he held in Dallas.

It didn't take Bolish long. Congratulations to Denver!



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proposes to delete from commercial markets surplus commodities through constructive uses. If this is done prices for farm products should become somewhat stabilized.

modities has been divided among six CSS commodity offices located at Chicago, Dallas, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Missouri and Portland, Oregon and the main CSS office in Washington.

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\* 1954 OUTLOOK \*  
\* What do you expect in 1954? How does the administrative change initiated in 1953 affect you and me? \*  
\* As agriculture is affected, so is our national and individual welfare. \*  
\* Basic farm commodities were supported at 90% of parity last year and have resulted in large surpluses. \*  
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\* However, the demand for farm products may be less in 1954 than in 1953 if our international situation remains similar to now. \*  
\* Our new farm program

Buying power of our people is still good. Should unemployment increase, the people's savings from prior years are still large.

Therefore, prospects for the coming year are for good national economy.

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CSS WILL OPEN OFFICE IN CINCINNATI FEB.15

By Harland Wright

USDA has announced the Commodity stabilization service will open a commodity office at 1010 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio on February 15, 1954.

The new office will have full responsibility for all CSS field activities in connection with processed agricultural commodities except those handled by the Portland Oregon office.

The principal commodities involved are dairy products, processed fruits and vegetables and linseed oil.

Heretofore, responsibility for these and related processed com-

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APPROX. 220,000 FARMERS AIDED BY FHA IN 1953

The Farmers Home Administration aided about 220,000 farm families with credit or technical assistance during the year 1953 as shown by the annual report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Farmers used the loans to adjust and improve their livestock and crop programs and earn better incomes; to develop their land; to buy or repair houses and farm buildings; and to develop water supplies.

A total of about \$218,012, 240 was advanced in direct loans, including water facilities loans (for irrigation and other farmstead use) which were made to 42 associations in the west.

About 35,500 families completed loan payments and about 3,500 paid up their accounts with banks and other local lenders. The total amount repaid was \$173,482, 782 including interest.

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MARK VERNON  
MAKES MARK

By Anne M. Morrow

Mark Vernon, 2 year old son of Russ Vernon of the CSS commodity office and Mrs. Vernon was winner of the "WALLY OF HOLLYWOOD" TV CONTEST for the most photogenic child photographed for the honor.

The prize for winning this contest is an oil painting of Mark which will be painted by a famous artist in Dallas.

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POULTRY DIVISION  
HAS NEW GRADER

By Ruth C. Brown

John H. Halverson has been recently transferred to the Poultry Division, 572 U. S. Terminal Annex, Dallas, from Minneapolis, Minnesota to serve as grader in this area and act as assistant to J. A. Bybee, Federal-State Supervisor.

Mr. Halverson's family will move to Dallas within the next month.

LETTER FROM FORMER  
EMPLOYEE RECEIVED

By Clara Mae Cannefax

A very interesting letter has been received from a former employee of the Fiscal Division, CSS commodity office, Mrs. W. C. Willaby (formerly Mildred Kay). Mrs. Willaby was married in January 1950 and immediately started traveling with her soldier

SPORTS CRACKS

By David M. Wells

Interest in sports in general is very high within USDA if the conversational trivia in the CSS commodity office is representative of other offices.

This sort of thing naturally leads to the unearthing of scores of "sports authorities." You know the type: "I could beat Marciano myself if I was in shape....." "If that Chuck Davey had just stayed away from Gavilan!!" "I could win the pennant by 20 games with Casey Stengel's material."

Personally, I am highly contemptuous of such individuals for making statements concerning things about which they are not qualified (let me say here that I am very happy to be selected for this job, since it gives me my chance to tell the public that I've noticed several small things which Otto Graham does wrong. Moreover, I believe that I could straighten out a few flaws in the pitching delivery of Robin Roberts).

As I was saying, however, I have utterly no regard for these "sports authorities" and this is a practice which should be curbed.

Seriously, however, there are several fellows in USDA who are or have been somewhat better than good in various sports. Here are a few:

BILL BOREN: A consistent near-par golfer and former pro baseballer.

BILLY HOWELL: Who has played baseball professionally.

ED BART: Who was a State Golden Glover in his younger and lighter days.

L. E. SULLIVAN: A football and basketball stalwart in his college days, as well as a successful high school coach.

GRADY HUFFMAN: Who was a member of that track team at VASSAR (He made a broad jump).

Is that enough for now?\*\*\*\*\*

husband.

The Willabys (Bill, Mildred and Linda, 27 months old) have been in Germany for 2 years and Mildred is asking for news of the office personnel she knew.

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